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SUBJ: BILATERAL ENVIRONMENTAL DISCUSSIONS WITH MEXICO

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1. EMBOFF MET WITH LUIS CABRERA OF FONSECRETARIAT NOVEMBER 27 TO DISCUSS DETAILS CONCERNING DECEMBER 6-7 BILATERAL MEETING ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS. AT CONCLUSION OF DISCUSSION, EMBOFF LEFT WITH CABRERA AN AIDE MEMOIRE CONTAINING ESSENTIAL POINTS OF REFTEL A WITH EXCEPTION OF EXAMPLES GIVEN IN PARAGRAPH 4. IN LIGHT OF DIFFICULT, RECENT DISCUSSIONS ON COLORADO RIVER SALINITY, EMBASSY REELS IT INADVISABLE TO RAISE IN THIS FORUM THE QUESTION OF "POLLUTION FROM DOMESTIC WASTE WATER DISCHARGES..." LIKEWISE, WHILE A DISCUSSION OF OIL SPILLS AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES MIGHT ARISE, TREATMENT OF THIS SUBJECT IS, AS REPORTED, BEYOND EXCLUSIVE COMPETENCE OF MEXICAN UNDERSECRETARY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT (SMA).

2. MEXDEL WILL BE UNDER SECRETARY FRANCISCO VIZCAINO MURRAY, SMA DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR COORDINATION JORGE VELASCO OCAMPO (THESE TWO INDIVIDUALS PROBABLY WILL NOT PARTICIPATE
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IN ALL SESSIONS ACCORDING TO CABRERA), SECRETARY OF SMA

TECHNICAL COUNCIL DR. ENRIQUE SANCHEZ PALOMERA, SMA DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR PLANNING FERNANDO SEPULVEDA AMOR, SMA DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR OPERATIONS JORGE MUNGUIA BARCENA, AND MEXICAN IBWC COMMISSIONER DAVID HERRERA JORDAN. IN ADDITION TO THESE DELEGATION MEMBERS, OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY (ALL AFILIATED WITH SMA TECHNICAL COUNCIL) WILL BE: ING. PEDRO MARTINEZ PEREDA, ING. FRANCISCO ZEPEDA, ING. RAUL MINGRAM, DR. ENRIQUE MARQUES MAYADOUN, ING. GASPAR GARCIA, AND ING. JOSE RUIZ MIJARES. MORNING AND AFTERNOON SESSIONS PLANNED FOR BOTH DAYS; MEETINGS TO BE HELD AT SMA HEAD-QUARTERS. MEXICANS INTEND TO PROVIDE SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION.

3. LIST OF TOPICS FOR DISCUSSIONS, AS SUGGESTED BY SMA, AS FOLLOWS: (A) EXCHANGE OF TECHNOLOGY AND METHODS FOR CONTROL OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION; (B) EXISTING LEGAL NORMS; (C) RESEARCH RELATIVE TO MONITORING ACTIVITY; (D) ELABORATION OF REGULATORY PLANS; (E) VEHICULAR MOVEMENT; (F) COLLECTIVE TRANSPORTATION; (G) SEWAGE CONTROL; (H) SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL. NO FURTHER DETAILS PROVIDED CONCERNING ANY OF THESE ITEMS.

4. CONCERNING PAHO INVOLVEMENT (REFTEL C), CABRERA AGREED THAT TALKS SHOULD BE CONFINED TO BILATERAL CONTEXT. IN LETTER FROM VIZCAINO TO FONSECRETARIAT (COPY PROVIDED ON PERSONAL BASIS BY CABRERA) SMA INDICATED THAT THAT OFFICE ANTICIPATED PARTICIPATION BY PAHO OFFICIALS FROM US. CABRERA WILL UNDERTAKE TO CLARIFY THIS POINT, TAKING NEGATIVE POSITION CONCERNING SUCH PARTICIPATION. HE PROMISED TO ADVISE EMBASSY OF RESULTS OF THOSE CONSULTATIONS.

5. RESERVATIONS MADE AT HOTEL MARIA-ISABEL SHERATON AS PER REFTEL B.
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